## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re U.S. Patent Application

Applicant: Scott A. Melton et al.

Serial No. 10/624,222

Conf. No. 6960

Filed: July 22, 2004

APR 0 6 2004

PADEMARY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PADEMARY OF THE P

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as FIRST-CLASS mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this date.

Date F-CLASS WCM

Registration No.2

Appr. February 20, 1998

Attorney for Applicant

For:

HANGER HOOK FOR

**CLIPPERS** 

## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This IDS is submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) within either of the following time periods, whichever occurs last:

(a) within three months of either the filing date of the national application or the date of entry of into the national stage; or

before the mailing date of first office action on the merits (i.e., not-including actions such as product restriction requirements).

Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO-1449 (Information Disclosure Citation) listing patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56. Applicant(s) respectfully submit that the citation of any reference on Form PTO-1449 does not constitute an admission that the reference qualifies as prior art.

It is requested that the information disclosed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R.§§1.16-1.17, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

300 South Wacker Drive

GREER, BURNS & CRAIN, LTD.

Suite 2500 · · · :

Chicago, IL 60606

Telephone: (312) 360-0080

Facsimile: ) (312) 3.60-9315 中国 首 (14) 中国 中国 中国 中国 (14)

green and a management of

Ву

Attorney for Applicants Registration No. 31, 497

CUSTOMER NO. 24978 Will transfer programme for the first of the programme for the first

P:\DOC\$\2206\68154\492904.DOC

							Silect_I	<del> </del>
Form PTO-1449 U.S. Department of Complete (Rev. 8-88) Patent and Trademark Office				Attorney Docket No.: 2206.68154		Serial No.: 10/624,222		
INFORMA	TION DISCLOSURE CITA	TIONS APR	Applicant: Scott A. Melton et al.					
Form PTO-1449 U.S. Department of Commerce (Rev. 8-88) Patent and Trademark Office  INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION APR 0 6 2001 (Use several sheets if necessary)				Filing Date: July 22, 2003		Group: 3724		
U.S. PATE	NT DOCUMENTS	TRAC	EMATT					
Examiner Initial*	Document Number	Date	Name (			Subclass	Filing If Appro	
	2,841,192	7/1/1958	Martin					
	3,580,401	11/26/1974	Snediker					
	4,406,064	9/27/1983	Goss					
	4,787,145	11/29/1988	Klicker et al.					
	6,098,558	8/8/2000	Baird					
FOREIGN	PATENT DOCUMENTS		r · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		1		<del></del>	
							Transla	tion
	Document Number	Date	Country		Class	Subclass	Yes	No
					ļ <u>-</u>			
			A 1			1		
	<u> </u>							
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)								
						.,		
							. <u> </u>	
			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
Examiner	Date Considered							
*Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.								